

IN EPHESIANS

CHRIST

Lesson #32

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(Ephesians 4:5)

I Beseech You to Walk Worthy (Ephesians 4:1)

- To **walk** worthy of our calling takes determination, commitment, and discipline.
- **Walking** worthy is a **DELIBERATE** act of our wills.
- (Romans 6:4) We are to **walk** in newness of life as new creatures. (2 Cor 5:17).
- (Romans 8:1-4) There is no condemnation for those who are **walking** according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
- (2 Corinthians 5:7) We are to **walk** by faith, not by sight.
- (Galatians 5:16, 25) We are to **walk** filled with the Holy Spirit.
- (Ephesians 2:10) We are to **walk** in the works God prepared for us to walk in.
- (Ephesians 5:2) We are to **walk** in agape love.
- (Ephesians 5:8) We are to **walk** as children of light. (See 1 John 1:6-7)
- (Ephesians 5:15-18) We are to **walk** circumspectly, not as fools but as wise.
- (Colossians 1:10) We are to **walk** worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work. (1 Thessalonians 2:12; 4:1)
- (Colossians 2:6) We are to **walk** IN CHRIST, WITH (yoked to) CHRIST, and AS CHRIST. (Matthew 11:29-30; 1 John 2:6)

Making Every Effort to Keep the Unity of the Spirit (Ephesians 4:4-6)

- ONE BODY – The body of Christ with Christ as our HEAD.
- ONE SPIRIT – One and the same Spirit to lead us, guide us, teach us.
- ONE HOPE – Christ is our ANCHOR and ADVOCATE.
- ONE LORD – RULER, MASTER, OWNER. We owe ABSOLUTE OBEDIENCE. (Matthew 7:21-23; Luke 12:48-50; John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-4; 1 John 2:3-6; 5:1-3)

- ONE FAITH – ONE set of truths delivered once for all to the saints. (John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- ONE BAPTISM – All Christians are “baptized” or “immersed” into Christ as rebirth. All Christians obey in being “baptized” “immersed” into water to demonstrate their intimate union with Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection. (Romans 6:1-13)

ONE GOD and FATHER (Ephesians 4:6)

- Paul has been speaking of unity and here he comes to his great climax - **ONE GOD** and FATHER of all.
- We need to remember that EVERYTHING is all about GOD – especially our salvation.
- **GOD** chose before the foundation of the world. (Eph 1:4; Rom 8:29; 1 Th 2:13)
- **GOD** predestined all things so that His purpose in making us His heirs would actually happen. (Ephesians 1:5; Lam 3:37; Isaiah 46:9-11; Romans 8:29)
- **GOD** created the universe because He elected and predestine. (Prov 16:4)
- **GOD** promised to send a Messiah and through prophets, types, and pictures He continually reminded His people. (Genesis 3:15)
- **GOD** sent His Son to save His people from their sins by propitiating His holy anger at them because of their sins. (Gal 4:4; 1 John 4:9-10; Matthew 1:21; Romans 3:25)
- **GOD** crucified His Son in our place. (Isaiah 53:4-6; 10; Rom 5:8; 8:32; 2 Cor 5:21)
- **GOD** raised Christ from the dead for our justification. (Romans 4:24-25; 6:4; 10:9; 1 Corinthians 6:14; Galatians 1:1; Ephesians 1:20; 2:6; Col 2:12)
- **GOD** sent His Spirit to make His will known to His people. (Galatians 4:6; 1 Cor 3:16; 6:19; Ephesians 1:13-14; John 14:26; 15:26)
- **GOD** reconciled us to Himself. (Romans 5:10-11; 2 Cor 5:18-20; Eph 2:16)
- ALL that Christ did in coming into the world He did to “bring us to God”. (1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:14-17)
- The only way to God, the Father, is through Christ. (John 14:6)
- It is through Christ that we have access by one Spirit to God. (Ephesians 2:18)



There Is Only ONE God

- (Deuteronomy 6:4) “Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.”
- Deuteronomy 4:35; 2 Samuel 7:22; Isaiah 44:6, 8; 45:5-6, 14, 18, 21-22; 46:9.

God Is NOT the Father to ALL

- Many will use this verse to make the argument for the universal Fatherhood of God.
- **BUT** we cannot make that argument here! Why? Paul was writing to saints - the Church; those in ONE Body; those who are “in Christ”.. So, the ALL here is qualified by context! Also the phrase, “in you all” is never used when speaking of unbelievers.
- (John 8:44) Unbelievers have the devil as their father. (Eph 2:2-3)
- Christians are “born of the God” (John 1:13) by God’s own will (James 1:18) and, therefore, we are “the children of God” (1 John 3:1-10) and heirs of God. (Romans 8:16-17)

Above, Through, In All

- God is **ABOVE ALL**. He is the MOST HIGH GOD (52x). He **rules** over all. (Daniel 4:17, 25, 34-35; Psalm 103:19; 22:28; **47:2, 7-8**; 1 Chronicles 29:11-12;) He is SOVEREIGN. He is the ultimate supremacy.
- God is **THROUGH ALL**. God **works** through all of His members of His Church. See Hebrews 13:20-21; 2 Cor 3:5) This speaks of His PROVIDENCE: “God’s constant care for and His absolute rule over all His creation, directing all things to their appointed end for His own glory and for the good of His people.” See Ephesians 1:18-20;
- God is **IN ALL**. God had a purpose before time began. The focus of that purpose what gathering together a “special people” (1 Peter 2:9; Titus 2:14) to Himself for all eternity. God is **working** out His purpose in each of His children. (Philippians 2:12-13) We are the temple of God – God in us!! (1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 2 Corinthians 6:16) The Church is His Temple. (Ephesians 2:20-22; 1 Peter 2:4-5)

THERE IS ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT, ONE HOPE, ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM, ONE GOD.

Are you “endeavoring to keep” this unity?